## **News Release**



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## Summer Programs at MacKerricher State Park June 21 – September 1, 2013

California State Parks Announces guided interpretive programs at MacKerricher State Park. Programs are led by park or volunteer docents each week of the summer. Visit this popular destination to discover natural and cultural history where the forest meets the coast. Individual topics are posted at the park and under 'Events' on the park's website. Programs are offered free of charge.

Campfire program Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. Join visitors of all ages to experience nature at night in the campfire center. Various park related topics are presented through activities and information. Dress warm and bring your flashlight. Programs last 1 to 1½ hours and are scheduled for June 22 and 29; July 13, 20 and 27 (no campfire program July 6); August 3, 10, 17. 24 and 31.

**Bird Walk Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** An easy to moderate 1 to 1½ walk to watch birds at the park. Binoculars are available to borrow. Meet at the Lake Cleone Parking Lot. Programs scheduled for June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; August 6, 13, 20 and 27.

**Nature Walk Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.** Easy 1 to 1½ hour stroll along the Laguna Point Boardwalk. Learn about the unique natural history of this area. Meet at Laguna Point Parking Lot. Programs scheduled for June 20 and 27; July 4, 11, 18, and 25; August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

**Harbor Seal program Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.** Learn about the seals and sea lions that make their home along the coast. Take a short walk out to look at the seals. Meet at Lake Cleone Parking Lot. Programs scheduled for June 22 and 29; July 6,13, 20 and 27 August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

**Junior Ranger programs Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** Children ages 7-12 are invited to become a unique member of the Parks. Experience interactive games and investigative hikes designed to inspire your senses.

Flex your Power

Saturday programs meet at Lake Cleone Parking lot. Topics will vary each week. Sunday programs meet at Laguna Point Parking Lot. Each Sunday the program will focus on the threatened snowy plover shorebird.

Table Top Information Fridays at 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Sundays at 11:30am-12:30 p.m. at Laguna Point Parking Lot. The park interpreter will have objects for you to touch and learn about. Fridays will have a different topic each week. Sundays will focus on the threatened snowy plover shorebird.

The main entrance to MacKerricher State Park is located about 3 miles north of Fort Bragg, CA on Hwy 1. Call 707-961-0471 for more information.

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